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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

In New York, prices were unchanged on the larger sizes, but sharply lower on mediums when compared to last Friday's values. Trade sentiment was mostly steady on the heavy weights, although caution was noted. The undertone was somewhat weaker on mediums. Demand into all channels was seasonal fair, but not aggressive. Supplies were usually available on mediums, but reported as in close balance to available on larger weights. Breaking stock demand was light as breakers assess current needs as they work around holiday schedules. Offering of light type hens were usually about adequate for the moderate holiday demand.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL All prices unchanged. Trade sentiment steady to about steady. Retail demand was light to moderate and noted as slowing. Food service demand was moderate. Supplies were adequate to available with mediums in the longest position. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Trading and demand very light. Offers limited. Most breakers were assessing needs as holiday schedules are worked through. Floor stocks balanced to fully adequate. Schedules reduced to full time for this week. Trade sentiment steady.

Prices delivered to warehouse

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	145-154	148-151
LARGE	144-153	146-149
MEDIUM	135-144	137-140

Prices delivered to store door

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	152-160	153-155
LARGE	150-158	151-153
MEDIUM	141-149	142-144

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN EGGS

Prices paid to producers, Cents per dozen.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
LARGE	126-135	130
MEDIUM	119-123	121
SMALL	71-77	

Midwest Area: IA, IL, IN, KY, MN, OH, NE, ND, SD, WI, WV, western NY & western PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged when compared to last week's values. Trade sentiment was generally steady, however caution was noted. Demand was light to moderate. Supplies were at least adequate on all sizes for current trade requirements. Eastern region breaking stock offerings were about sufficient for a moderate to light demand. Light hen offerings were usually adequate for less than normal processing schedules.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	155-169	155-158
LARGE	149-163	154-158
MEDIUM	139-152	143-146

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, Eastern NJ, Eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, & VT

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged when compared to the previous week's values. Trade sentiment was cautiously steady on mediums, usually steady on the balance. Demand was light to moderate. Supplies were sufficient for current buyer and seller requirements. Eastern region breaking stock offerings were about adequate for a moderate demand. Spent hen offerings were generally adequate for reduced processing schedules.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	154.5-162	156-159
LARGE	153-160	154-157
MEDIUM	141.25-149	142-146

Southeast Area: AL, GA, MS, NC, SC, eastern TN, & southern VA

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices unchanged. Trade sentiment steady. Retail and food service demand moderate to instances fairly good. Supplies of all sizes of white eggs adequate with brown eggs tight. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Trading and demand very light for the limited offers. Most breakers assessing needs as holiday schedules are worked through. Floor stocks balanced to fully adequate. Schedules full-time to reduced for this week. Trade sentiment steady.

Prices delivered to warehouse

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	154.5-163	156-159
LARGE	152.5-161	154-157
MEDIUM	142.5-151	151-154

South Central Area: AR, AZ, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, & TX

NEW YORK Prices were 5 cents lower on medium eggs, however extra large and large were unchanged when compared to last Friday's values. Trade sentiment was at best steady on heavier weights, barely steady on mediums. Demand was fair. Supplies were at least adequate for immediate trade needs.

Prices to retailers, sales to volume buyers, USDA grade A, and grade A white eggs in cartons, delivered store, cents per dozen

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	163-167
LARGE	161-165
MEDIUM	146-150

WESTERN Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to barely steady. The Pacific inventory declined 1% from last week, with California down 5% and OR-WA-UT increasing 5%. Offerings were adequate with demand continuing fairly good to good. Floor stocks tight to adequate.

CALIFORNIA Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to barely steady. The Pacific inventory declined 1% from last week, with California down 5% and OR-WA-UT increasing 5%. Offerings were adequate with demand fairly good to good. Supplies were tight to adequate. Small benchmark price \$1.59.

Shell egg marketer's benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	193
EXTRA LARGE	196
LARGE	190
MEDIUM	179

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending January 04, 2008 will decrease by 2 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending December 28, 2007 were 206,712 cases which was 25 percent below the prior week and 21 percent below estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	165,524	41,188	206,712

% change from the prior week..... -29 -1 -25
Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 14 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Prices unchanged. Demand and offerings were very light. Most breakers were assessing current needs as they work around holiday schedules. Floor stocks balanced to fully adequate. Schedules full-time to reduced. Trade sentiment steady.

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	111-113	
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	93-101	93-95
CENTRAL STATES AREA: AR, CO, IA, IL, IN, KS, LA, MI, MN, MO, NM, ND, NE, OH, OK, SD, TX, WI		

SOUTH CENTRAL LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS Pricing was generally unchanged on spent heavy fowl compared to the past week. Demand was light for adequate offerings from primary users. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were slow. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)* FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 31-DECEMBER-07

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6.75-12.5 CENTS/LB.		9.30

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS Prices were generally unchanged when compared to the previous week. Demand was fair to moderate for the about adequate to adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules were reduced slightly due to the New Years Day holiday. Sales of finished product was mostly moderate. The undertone was steady to at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)* FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 31-DECEMBER -07

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7-12 CENTS/LB.		9.47
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-DEC 31, 2007
STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

			No Cent	So Cent	So Atl	Pacific	5-Area
Jumbo	Curr Wk	6.7	16.1	7.6	8.5	12.2	51.1
	Change	1.0	1.4	0.4	1.3	-0.4	8%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	16.5	34.3	10.6	30.3	36.7	128.4
	Change	0.9	7.8	0.0	8.2	5.1	21%
Large	Curr Wk	25.8	107.5	71.7	102.9	94.4	402.3
	Change	-1.9	19.9	5.2	15.8	-13.8	7%
Medium	Curr Wk	9.2	44.7	17.2	17.2	34.9	123.2
	Change	-0.6	10.0	-1.7	1.5	2.4	10%
Small	Curr Wk	3.3	5.6	1.3	2.2	5.2	17.6
	Change	0.3	0.8	-0.1	0.9	1.4	23%
Misc	Curr Wk	2.6	24.0	10.2	11.4	9.1	57.3
	Change	0.1	2.7	0.1	1.3	0.7	9%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	11.4	52.7	18.1	12.7	30.7	125.6
	Change	0.5	18.2	-0.6	3.3	1.7	23%
Total	Curr Wk	75.5	284.9	136.7	185.2	223.2	905.5
Percent	Change	0%	27%	2%	21%	-1%	12%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	905.5	12%	154
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	214.1	8%	33
Total Shell Egg	1119.6	11%	187

1/ Information supplied by a universe of 154 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. This is a representative sample of the U.S. inventory and includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

Northeast - CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT
North Central - IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI
South Central - AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX
South Atlantic - AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV
Pacific - AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

CANADIAN EGGS

*** Due to the Holiday in Canada,
the information for this report is not yet available.
It will be released as soon as possible.***

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - DAILY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR DECEMBER 28, 2007

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS				TOTAL LOADS			
25.75								10.00				35.75			
		SE		NE		MW				SC		NW		SW	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	130.50	--	133.50	134.00	--	--	6.00	GNR W 1	--	--	--	--	--	--	4.00
GL W XL	--	--	142.00	138.00	128.29	131.00	11.00	GL W XL	--	--	--	--	--	144.00	3.00
GL W LG	--	--	--	--	125.65	--	11.75	GL W LG	--	136.80	--	--	--	138.00	7.75
GL W MD	--	--	--	--	117.65	--	5.75	GL W MD	--	129.67	--	--	--	128.71	5.75
GL W SM	--	--	88.50	90.00	84.00	--	1.25	GL W SM	--	90.00	--	--	--	--	.25

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR DEC 24, 2007-DEC 28, 2007

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS				TOTAL LOADS			
58.75								32.00				90.75			
		SE		NE		MW				SC		NW		SW	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	132.00	137.00	133.50	135.89	--	134.63	29.00	GNR W 1	--	--	--	--	--	--	4.00
GNR W 2	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.00	GNR W 2	--	132.00	--	--	--	--	2.00
GNR W 4	--	--	91.00	92.00	--	--	2.00	GL W J	--	--	--	--	145.00	146.00	3.00
GL W J	--	--	--	--	128.00	--	2.00	GL W XL	130.00	143.00	--	--	--	142.72	13.75
GL W XL	--	149.67	142.00	142.89	130.24	131.00	29.75	GL W LG	131.00	136.80	--	--	151.00	139.00	13.25
GL W LG	--	148.00	160.00	143.00	126.30	--	23.75	GL W MD	122.33	129.00	--	--	--	129.56	9.25
GL W MD	138.00	131.00	131.50	134.00	127.78	--	19.25	GL W SM	91.00	90.00	--	--	--	103.00	.50
GL W SM	--	--	88.25	88.86	84.00	90.00	5.50	GL BR J	--	--	--	--	--	142.00	.25
GL BR J	--	--	--	--	126.00	--	.25								
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	--	--	7.00								
NRBS - 36	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.00								

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT-MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED. LOAD MOVEMENT REPRESENTS TOTAL MOVEMENT WITHIN 6 REGIONS.

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT – FROZEN EGGS

(In Thousands)			
ON HAND	12/24/07	12/17/07	12/25/06
PACIFIC COAST	04	04	33
LOS ANGELES	0	0	29

CERTIFIED ORGANIC EGGS IN CARTONS DEC 31, 2007

(price per carton delivered to first receivers)		
Brown Eggs	CENTS/CARTON	MOSTLY
Extra Large doz.	229 – 261	239 - 240
1/2 doz.	120 – 158	130 - 134
Large doz.	224 – 250	225 - 230
1/2 doz.	115 – 149	125 - 128

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS The market is lower on medium, steady on the balance. Supplies are well balanced. Retail demand is mixed.

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MOSTLY	
EXTRA LARGE	172.67
LARGE	170.67
MEDIUM	156.82
SMALL	111.00

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Out Of State Eggs - State Compilation

Report Period: 12/16/2007 - 12/22/2007

State	Number Cases Shipped To Northern CA	Number Cases Shipped To Central CA	Number Cases Shipped To Southern CA	Total State
Arizona	0	0	1,425	1,425
Arkansas	0	0	840	840
Colorado	0	0	960	960
Illinois	500	0	1,362	1,862
Indiana	760	0	0	760
Iowa	4,096	2,340	45,731	52,167
Michigan	0	0	5,510	5,510
Minnesota	3,855	2,055	13,026	18,936
Missouri	3,780	0	1,150	4,930
New Hampshire	0	0	750	750
North Carolina	1,582	0	10,469	12,051
Ohio	0	0	4,486	4,486
Oregon	1,165	0	299	1,464
Pennsylvania	0	0	960	960
South Dakota	0	0	1,580	1,580
Texas	0	0	2,197	2,197
Utah	0	1,620	4,620	6,240
Wisconsin	980	0	6,450	7,430
Grand Total	16,718	6,015	101,815	124,548
SHIPPED TO MILITARY	0	0	0	0
SHIPPED TO NON-MILITARY	16,718	6,015	101,815	124,548

Source: California Department of Food and Agriculture/Egg Quality Control